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RUSSIA'S CONDITION

The most formidable protest of the people of Russia against autocracy, ever known in that dark, priest-ridden land, is now attracting the attention of the civilized world. Though a tremendous movement, there is little probability of its success, for the reason that the movement is confined almost, or quite, exclusively to the larger towns and cities. The participants in the movement are the artisans, students and a few of the professional classes; and what has given to the movement the ability to assume its present magnitude, has been the strike of railroad employees, cutting off connection between town and town, the capital of the empire from the provinces, and nearly the whole country from the rest of the world.

The reason of the uprising is plain. To stimulate devotion to the autocrat, which in that country passes for patriotism, the czar, during Russia's dismal failures by land and sea, promised the people a constitutional assembly, thus giving them a voice in their own government. But no sooner had peace been made than Nicholas, with the proverbial perfidy inherent in blood and tradition in the Romanoff race, flatly refused to fulfill his promise. After long delay, the imperial rescript was finally issued; and the people found that for the bread they asked they had been given a stone, for the fish they demanded they were offered a serpent.

The meeting of a national assembly was provided for, but its powers are so circumscribed that it is made merely an advisory body, at best, restricted in its discussions and recommendations to matters of minor importance. The imperial ukase prohibits the discussion of the more vital questions and principles of government. The Duma, or national assembly, is not endowed with any legislative functions. The czar retains autocratic authority. The assembly will not, in fact, be even a representative body, as all of the industrial classes and 80 per cent of the professional men in the empire are excluded from the right of suffrage in the election of its members.

This betrayal of the people is the cause of the uprising, but its weakness lies in its want of concerted action, of organized leadership, of definite and well planned movement to a definite and common end. Its greatest weakness, and that which will probably prove fatal in a few days at most, is the want of preparation. There is lack of arms and ammunition; and worse than all there is lack of food. The strikers, who are the leading classes, must soon go to work or die. As soon as the trains begin to run, troops can be rushed into the towns, and then will begin anew the work of slaughter, of imprisonment and of exportation to the living death of Siberia.

The revolutionists demand liberty of the press, liberty of speech, right of public assembly, freedom from arbitrary arrest and imprisonment, constitutional participation in government, and universal suffrage. These things the present government will never grant, for while Nicholas is weak and wavering in matters of detail, like all weak characters he is impregnable in his pride and prejudices. Rather than surrender one jot or tittle of his autocracy, to which he has succeeded through a long line of ancestors and which he imagines himself to hold by divine right, there is no doubt that Nicholas, autocrat of all the Russias, would willingly lay his head upon the block and give up his claims only with his life.

WISE CITY COUNCIL

The city council of Socorro has taken a wise step in granting to Max Kirchman an option on the lands in the Socorro grant belonging to the city of Socorro, the purpose of Mr. Kirchman being to plant there a colony of Bohemians.

These people, whose homeland is a part of the Austro-Hungarian empire, are a thrifty, energetic, industrious class of immigrants, and their location in Socorro and the adjacent parts of the Socorro valley will be of almost incalculable value. Hence, the wisdom of the council in granting the option on the land, and placing its price at two-thirds of its last appraised value, cannot be too highly commended.

But the council was even wiser yet in the safeguards which they threw around the option. They did not suffer their desire for the undoubted benefit to be derived from the location of the colony, to blind them to their duties to the city. Hence, the conditions of the option are that the lands must be paid for within nine months from the date of the council's action and that within the first six months of that time Mr. Kirchman must have obtained artesian water, or have drilled to the depth of 1,000 feet, or have expended in the effort thereto, not less than \$5,000, on the lands to be purchased or in the immediate vicinity. The Citizen congratulates the Gem City on the prospects of this great benefit.

The number of the anti-statehood press of Arizona is growing beautifully less every day. Their entire effort now is to prevent the consideration of the statehood question in congress, as they know what the result will be if the bill is brought up before that body. It is too late. The statehood train has got on a full head of steam and it is running on full time and gaining every day in its rapidity of movement. The people have dropped the politicians and are doing their own thinking and own demanding, and this is what will move congress to take up the question early in the session and determine the same forever. There is little doubt but that the enabling act for the admission of the four remaining territories will be passed and approved by the president before the first day of January, 1906, the opposition of the politicians notwithstanding.—Tucson Star.

Will the people be sensible enough to believe the Miner when it tells them that Honorable Frank Murphy could not get a single member of the committee on Territories of the house to come to look "at the conditions" in Arizona? Have we not told you that the gentlemen in congress, both in the senate and the house, are simply playing politics? And won't you believe us? Mark our words, that is all there is to it. Of course, there are many around here who hate to see or hear the Miner speaking the truth, but that is the truth. That's all the other fellows are playing, too. Nothing in the world but politics! What a farce that "will of the wisp" tool trip was through this territory! The Miner gleats over the fact that it was not dazed by the royalty of private cars for private congressmen. That goes for lovers of subduity.—Journal Miner.

Great is the Morning Journal and greatly to be praised. Even Philadelphia is now slowly plodding along the trail which the Journal, all alone by itself and with its own and exclusive little hatchet, blazed out three years ago. No doubt, if only the facts were known, it was the Morning Journal and not Christopher Columbus who discovered America, while the Morning Journal also wrote the Declaration of Independence, so long but so wrongfully ascribed to Thomas Jefferson.

Arizona has a queer case on its hands. One Teodoro Elias was convicted of the murder of Wm. Katzenstein, a police officer, and twice sentenced to death on the gallows. A jury summoned by the sheriff found Elias insane and the death sentence was never carried out. The facts were presented to Governor Kibbey, but he intimated to the district attorney that it was beyond his power to commute the sentence. The question which is puzzling the district attorney and the supervisors is whether Elias must be maintained during his life time as a prisoner in the Tucson jail at the expense of the county. They believe that inasmuch as he is insane and the death sentence cannot be carried out, he should be sent to the territorial prison.

HELLO GIRL WHOSE VOICE

WAS THAT OF AN ANGEL

By Walter Neff in Kansas City Telegram

Do you know what the voice of an angel is like? Coom down to me office, alone, An' listen to one Ol' been hearin', Moike, On the wires as the telephone. The trumpet Ol' grasp, stick it close to me ear An' listen, with over the wire Cooms the sound as a voice as is piazin' to hear, Jin as false as the heavenly quire.

It's as false as the linnet's air notes as the thrush, An' the ripple as laughter av brakes, It's as swate as the voice in the evening hush Av the loovers in vine-covered nooks, 'Tis as false as the word that the lassie kin tell When before her ye bend on your knees, Ah! the beautiful sound av the telephone bell As she answers, "Phat number, please?"

If her face is as false as her voice on the 'phone, She kin stroke Patsy Donovan doomb; If she doesn't use slang with her elegant tone, An' hasn't a mouth full av gum, She kin talk to me, Mickey, the rent av me loife In a cottage with flowers and taze, Ol' tink Ol' tink out if she'd make as good wote As she answers, "Phat number, please?"

STORY OF LIFE DEVOTED

TO RELIEF OF FELLOW MEN

Selected

Perhaps you never heard of Dr. Aronson—friend of humanity—of New York. His name never got into the sounding trumpet of fame. He was not quoted as author, by newspaper interviewers. He did not read learned papers, nor make speeches nor pose as a benefactor, nor test a fortune. But, when he died, 15,000 people went to his funeral, the eyes of most of whom were dimmed by tears. His dead body was attended by thirty-six pallbearers, every one of them owing his life to the skill and patience of this good physician. Behind the hearse walked many men, nearly all having been personally indebted to his ministry. A great host of men, women and children, each nursing a personal sorrow for the dead, followed in carriages and on foot.

Dr. Aronson was never a "prominent man" during his lifetime and the newspapers did not say very much about his death. He was a plain, unpretentious, big-hearted doctor of the East Side. His entire life was given to others. It is said that his greatest delight was to find a case where a cruel landlord was forcing a poor tenant to the wall, write a check for the rent and stop the ejectment, in order, as he put it, "to see the resplendency in the face of the one relieved."

Inheriting a small property, Dr. Aronson fitted himself as a physician from the pure motives of service. He made a special study of lung diseases and studied under Koch at Berlin, and elsewhere. Returning to New York, he opened a hospital, at his own expense, for consumptives in the poorest part of the city. "A man's life is short at best," he often said. "It would be an easy matter to make the world happy, and ourselves, if each of us would do his duty."

Some years ago a poor woman contracted blood poisoning. She was refused treatment by physicians because of the risk. The night Dr. Aronson heard of her case he was dressing to go to his brother's wedding. He was told the woman would die if she were not operated upon within two hours. He threw off his dress suit, hurried to the woman's bedside and performed a successful operation. The sequel was that a few days after, toward the kind hearted doctor was taken down by blood poisoning—contracted at the operation. Hundreds of people went to inquire about him. Scores of people knelt together in the open air around his doorstep and prayed for his recovery. Small wonder when this Good Samaritan died the poor of the East Side wept.

Why retell the story? Because it is as worthy to be told as this real story—as that of Victor Hugo's story of the good bishop. Because the world hears so much of wrong-doing and so little of goodness. Because the world needs stories about brave, good men. Because the name of Dr. Aronson deserves a better place in the world's memory than it has been given. Because such a gracious life is a challenge to every impulse of kindness. Because when you have read this story you may be moved, in some respects at least, to go and do likewise.

SELECTIONS MADE FROM

PRESS OF SOUTHWEST

The Return Amiable.

The Denver Times in a railroad article speaks of Lordsburg, Arizona. That the Lord has put but one burg in all the southwest, and that is in New Mexico, the whole world should know. What is Editor Don: Kedzie doing thus to suffer the light of his town, which the Western Liberal has made famous, to be put under a bushel? "Up and at 'em," Mr. Kedzie.—Albuquerque Citizen. The Times evidently has been reading some of the literature now coming out of the statehood league of Albuquerque, and probably thinks New Mexico and Arizona have been made the state, under the name of Arizona.—Lordsburg Liberal.

Very Wise View.

The Bisbee Review in a recent editorial frankly admits that the failure of joint statehood at the coming session means no statehood for years to come for either New Mexico or Arizona. This is precisely the point at issue for which we have contended. If we could get single statehood for New Mexico and Arizona as easily as joint statehood, there would be no controversy; but the fact is, as the Review admits, that single statehood is not attainable now, nor at any definite time in the future. We see no reason for refusing joint statehood now and taking the same thing ten or twenty years from now.—Farmington Herald.

Something About Ourselves.

With this issue we enter our second year of work for the Estancia Valley and Torrance county. That the past year has been entirely satisfactory, we dare not say, but that we have worked hard to assist in the making of a new country and a new county none can gainsay. We are grateful to our long list of patrons who have contributed toward the measure of success we have attained and shall endeavor to merit a continuance of an increased patronage.—Estancia News.

Mesilla Valley Water.

The count at the Water Users' office, Thursday, showed that \$5,160 acres of land had been signed up, and the outside prospects had not sent in their reports, which, when in, will probably swell the number to about 100,000 acres. It is the opinion of some who profess to know, that work on the diversion dam, about eight miles above Las Cruces, will be commenced on or before the first of January, 1906.—Las Cruces Citizen.

Why Not Doorhandle?

It appears to be certain now that Arizona and New Mexico will not be admitted to statehood, either separately or jointly, at the coming session of congress. Well, they can afford to wait. Let them keep on polishing up those stars, and when they are ultimately pinned to the flag's glorious field of blue they will shine all the brighter for the delay.—Los Angeles Times.

CONSCIENCE AS MAN'S GUIDE IN RELIGION

DR. TIGHT'S ADDRESS IN NEW LINE OF SPIRITUAL INSTRUCTION AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Rev. E. E. Crawford, pastor of the Christian church of this city, is doing a great deal of good along what seems to be an altogether new line. This line is the securing of various speakers, not preachers, to address his congregation on topics kindred to those usually heard from the pulpit, but which are presented not only from the view-point of the laity, but from that of the individual speaker himself. This course will certainly open a wide range of thought, and provoke an extent of mental activity upon the part of the congregation, unusual where only the same dogmas are presented week in and week out, in the same way to the same auditors by the same speaker.

Last evening President Tight of the New Mexico University was the speaker, and his theme was a demand for the liberty of the individual conscience in religious belief. The doctor is a pleasing speaker, who addressed his audience as he would address a class of students, in a conversational tone with contemporaneous words suggested by absolute mastery of his theme and without permission of adornment of any character.

His subject was that every man's conscience is his imperative ruler. To it, alone, is he responsible, and not to his fellow man. Hence, the doctor's plea was not that each one follow his own conscience in religious belief, for that is what everyone will do anyhow; but that we allow all others to do likewise, without condemnation, no matter how widely they may differ from us. In this the doctor found the possibility of Christian unity of effort without the sacrifice of the closer denominational organization.

SANTA FE'S CHIEF ENGINEER INSPECTING NEW ROAD

C. O. Trimble, private secretary to James Dun, chief engineer for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, arrived in the city this morning from Belen in Mr. Dun's private car. Mr. Dun left Belen yesterday and is inspecting the work being done on the Santa Fe cut-off through Abo canyon. Mr. Dun came west on the 17th of the month and first inspected the east end of the cut-off near Texico. Then he traversed the Pecos Valley line, and after going to El Paso, went over the Rock Island to where the cut-off crosses that road. After inspecting the work in Abo canyon, Mr. Dun is expected to come to Albuquerque, reaching here about Wednesday.

TWISTED GAS PIPES AS THOUGHT THEY WERE PAPER

THE RICHIE AMUSEMENT COMPANY GAVE THE PEOPLE THEIR MONEY'S WORTH AT THE CASINO YESTERDAY.

At the Casino yesterday, under the auspices of the Richie Amusement company, a large man in white duck trousers, and a woman in white, with her sleeves rolled to her elbow, twisted horseshoes as though they were paper and bent huge gas pipes with their teeth and over their stomachs with ease, as if they were made of straw. It was a great exhibition of physical strength and endurance, where training has developed human brawn until it is stronger than iron.

After reducing a half dozen pieces of valuable gas pipe, worth from ten to thirty cents a foot, into a mass of twisted iron, they engaged in a frosty three-round exhibition with the gloves. The dancing and contortion work of the Glimore woman was good, and probably better than anything seen at the Casino since the creation of the building. It was somewhat of a surprise to the spectators and was a real treat. The work of the black faced artist was very masterful, but the audience was well paid by the leading features of the entertainment. Two performances were given, the first attended by about 150 people, and the latter by the foot ball players complimentary tickets.

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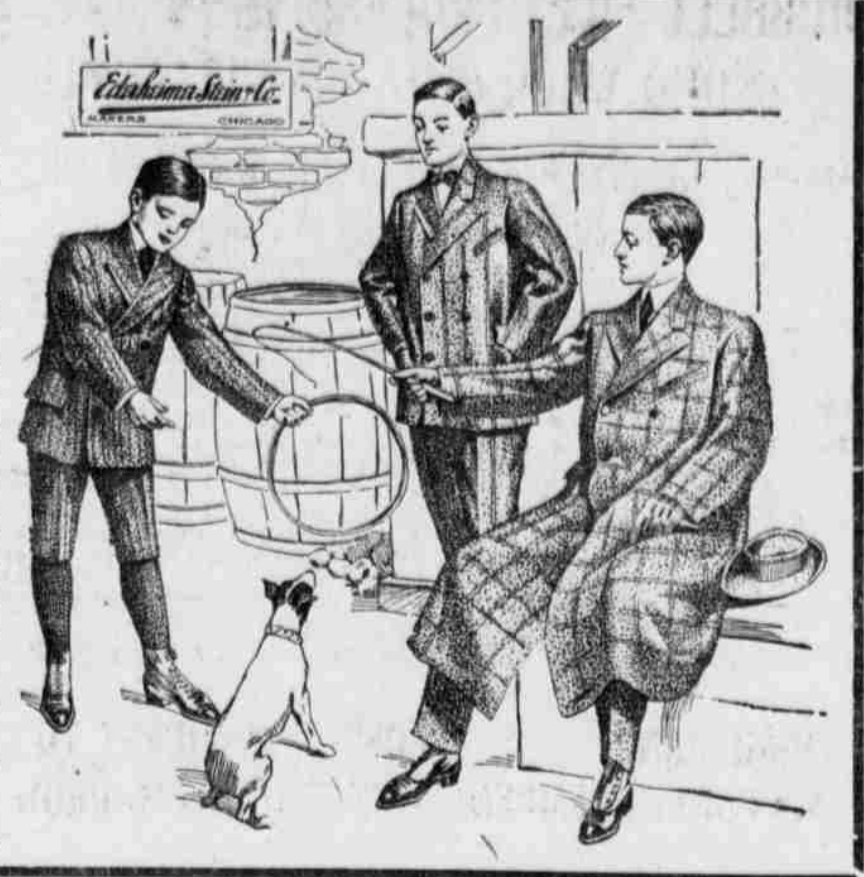
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